

Calendar year 2008
Flight Operations
Southern Command

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol Flight Operations
Pilot Sgt. Sabino

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The Southern Command airplane made 137 flights over the past calendar year for a total of 442.3 hours. Following is a breakdown of activities:

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
52	218.9	49	Speed Enforcement
34	109.1	25	In State Prisoner Transport
12	36.7	8	Pilot/Observer Training
16	32.5	7	Line Patrol
7	26.9	6	Personnel Transport
2	11.2	2	Out of State Prisoner Extradition
4	3	1	Other
1	2.2	1	Property Transport
9	1.8	1	Maintenance

52 speed enforcement missions were conducted over the course of the year with a total of 2,091 enforcement actions taken. The enforcement breakdown is as follows:

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	1795
Non-Hazardous	248
Seat belt	29
Hazardous	19

During the course of speed enforcement and line patrol, 64 motorists were assisted, 9 arrests were made and 8 vehicles impounded. 3 arrests were for DUI, 3 for outstanding warrants, and 2 for reckless driving. The high speed for the year occurred on March 22; a purple Yamaha motorcycle was clocked on I-15 near Primm at 151 mph.

SOUTHERN COMMAND

Items of note over the course of the year:

On March 5, in honor of Trooper Kelly-Borgognone, a missing man formation was flown over Reno with our division aircraft. A week prior, the southern command pilot along with Sgt. Olschalger (Thunderbird alumni) met with the United States Air Force Thunderbirds demonstration Team to discuss a three plane missing man formation. In her honor, the commander, lead soloist, and left wing pilot surrendered their United States Flags to be flown onboard each division aircraft. This tradition is a representation of the Thunderbirds spirit, paying homage to Trooper Kelly-Borgognone.

During April 24-27, the aircraft was utilized during the annual Laughlin River Run. Two enforcement missions were flown during the event. As a result, 91 violators, 28% of them motorcycles were exceeding the posted limit in excess of 15 mph over the posted limit. In addition, the aircraft was utilized to locate trouble areas, motor assists, provide air support to ground units, and provide a positive presence to the motoring public.

In September, the southern command pilot was tasked to revamp our NHP webpage. In addition to our individual biographies, additional links to "Eye in the Sky" provides insight of how we clock vehicles through a set of enforcement marks. "NHP Pilot & Air Observer Requirements" provides information to those who may be interested in a flying career within our department. Also we included "Photos" of NHP Aircraft and support staff in action.

In November, the aircraft was on public display for Aviation Nation 2008 at the Nellis Air Force Base. Over a three day event, military personnel along with the general public were able to view our division assets. People were amazed to learn about our multi role capability with our division aircraft.